



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

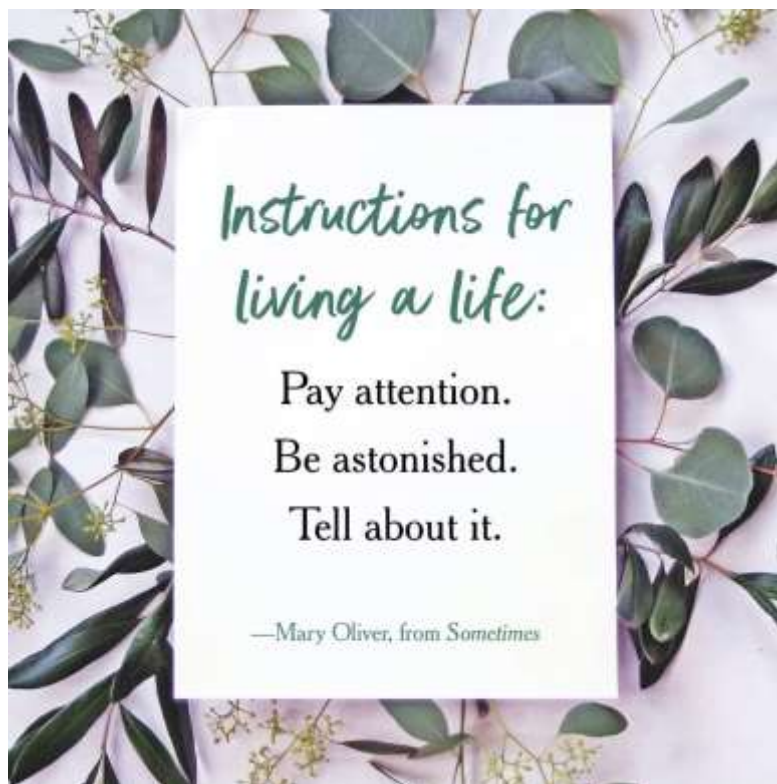
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Welcome To Worship

November 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

The Advent Of Our Lord Is Now... US!
~Ways Of Resistance and Renewal~



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

Preparing To Worship...



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✧ Warm Welcome and Community News

✧ Reading Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

*Surely God is in this place,
Holy Ground!*

✧ Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:

How Are You As You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

~The Joy of Passing the Peace~

~ Sharing Wisdom of the Season ~

✧ **Gathering As God's People: Our Theme** (Based upon our theme and a Benedictine Blessing)

Pastor: The Advent of our Lord is now...*US!* Once again, Christ is about to be birthed...*within us.* And so it is: The season renews us, enabling us to recognize and resist that which is not life giving, that not of God's deepest desires for us. Yes, this season of living into the mystery is a blessing!

All: The season blesses us with discomfort.

One: The season blesses us with anger.

All: The season blesses us with tears.

One: We are blessed with enough foolishness to believe that we make a difference in the world...beginning with our own lives; that we can do what others claim cannot be done: to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor...to ourselves and each other!

All: We shall not be left wanting for as we resist the ways of the world, we are renewed in the ways of mystery! It is the Advent of...US! Pay Attention! Be Astonished! Tell about it!



✧ Advent Candle Lighting: What are you *resisting* in order to be renewed?
~ Pat Bowne is paying attention, is astonished, and tells us about it! ~

✧ **Gathering Special Music Video –**

A Music Video: I Shall Not Want, Audrey Assad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12NMGC5YjYY>

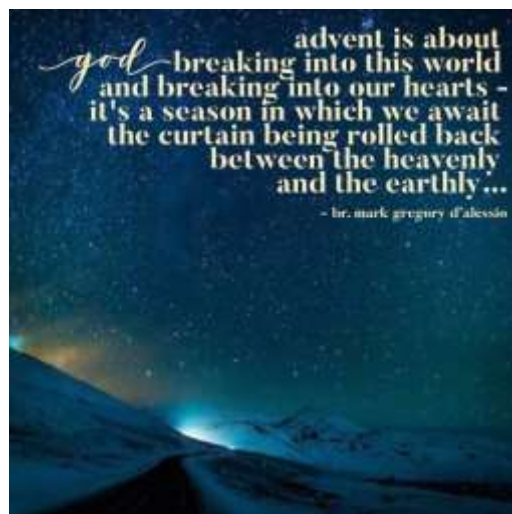
✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

✧ **Sharing Our Inner Most Lives with God**

In my heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where I must ultimately answer whether there is room or not. When I am Bethlehem-bound I experience my own advent in His. When I am Bethlehem-bound I can no longer look the other way conveniently not seeing stars, not hearing angels' voices. I can no longer excuse myself by busily tending my sheep or my kingdoms...*only*. Prepare me for Your coming. O Holy One!

In the midst of shopping sprees,
let me ponder the Gift of Gifts.
Through the tinsel, let me look for the light
of the Christmas star.
In the excitement and confusion,
let me listen for the hush of angels' wings.

This Advent, I long to go Bethlehem as never before and meet You in the manger places of my life. May this season be the Advent of me! Holiness, may I find renewal as I resist the ways of the world and lean into the Holiness of daily life. May I pay attention, be astonished, and tell about it! I lean into the mystery of Your presence.



✧ You may wish to name with God a hurt that still throbs blocking your way forward; or you may share with God a happening of gladness in your life for which you are most thankful; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining his healing light all around and through you.

✧Tippe Kids' Time

✧Bible Wisdom Teachings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Luke 21:25-36

One: This is the way our story is told. Spirit speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

All: Thanks be to our God.

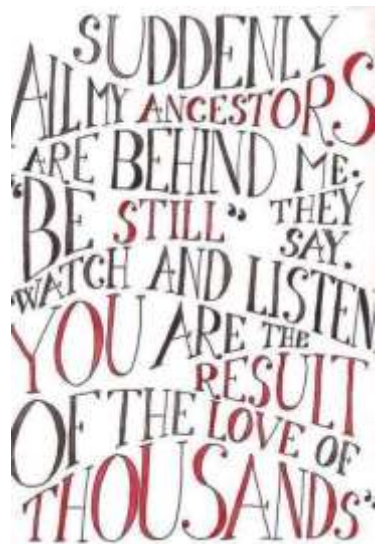
~Slideshow~

✧Prompting

The Advent Of The Lord Is Now...US!

"I Am Wondering...But I Am Not Stumped!"

Rev. Karen S. Hagen



✧Special Music Video: "You Are Here" by The Wailin' Jennys

https://youtu.be/4nC94UPfW_U

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Affirming Our Faith with Intention...*Our Prayer* (By I. Ahmed)

I'm not going to rush anything. I'm not going to stress out or worry about how things will work out for me. Instead of overthinking, I will align my faith with Divine timing and trust that everything that belongs in my life is making its way toward me right now. Holy Love permeates and inspires me.

✧ **Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

(We share a version of the Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Prayer)

✧ **Quieting Ourselves for Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of Your name echoes through the universe!
The way of Your justice be followed**

**by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, "in-courage" us.
From trials too great to endure, show us the way through.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For You reign in the glory of the power that is LOVE,
now and forever! Amen.**

✧ **Giving Thanks For Our Community...Our Sustaining Gifts!**

✧ **Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

May this day feed you and challenge you,
surprise and comfort you,
that you might have what you need
to be courageous, to be humble,
and to let your soul grow. enfolded

What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving? Or...

✧ **Our Response ...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***



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